

Meeting Outline

For the Wednesday, June 19, 2019 meeting of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex, Salt Lake City, Utah

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Approximate
Time Frame

8:30 1. Committee Business

Background

- [Draft minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting](#)

Potential Action

- Approve minutes.

8:35 2. Health Data Transparency

Since the 1990s, the Utah Legislature has enacted policies to make information about the cost and quality of healthcare available to patients and practitioners. During its 2019 General Session, the Legislature considered seven bills addressing data transparency. Three bills required that data collected by the Utah Department of Health be made more readily available to others (all passed), two bills required healthcare providers to disclose additional price information (neither passed), and two bills required disclosure of price-related information by pharmaceutical benefit managers (one passed, one did not).

The Committee will focus on the publication of cost and quality data by healthcare providers and state agencies and what could be done to improve the availability and usefulness of the data. Addressing prescription drug costs, including pharmaceutical benefit manager transparency, will be the focus of future meetings.

Background

- [Disclosure of Healthcare Cost and Quality: 2019 Legislation](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)

Issues

- What impact have Utah cost and quality data had on the cost, quality, and outcomes of healthcare?
- What could providers, insurers, state agencies, the Legislature, and others do to improve the usefulness of cost and quality data? What would be the benefit? What

would be the cost?

Presenters

- Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

What types of data has the Legislature required healthcare providers and state agencies to produce regarding healthcare costs and quality?

- Utah Department of Health

To what extent has the [2007 legislative policy](#) calling for the production of risk-adjusted episode-of-care cost and reimbursement data been implemented? To what extent has this data and related data collected by the department on quality, price increases, and geographic variation in care and cost been used by consumers and providers? How has this data impacted the cost, quality, and outcomes of Utah healthcare?

How does the department plan to implement 2019 legislation requiring the department to 1) publish the median amounts paid for the 50 most commonly performed medical procedures in the state, 2) make certain data available to the public, and 3) make certain data available to the State Auditor for implementation of [2019 H.B. 178, Price Transparency](#) (Daw), which requires the auditor to create a tool to present information on medical care and costs collected by the department?

- Dr. Norman K Thurston, Director, Office of Health Care Statistics
- Sterling Petersen, Analytics Lead

- Roundtable Discussion

Has the use of cost and quality data by providers and consumers reached its potential? What more could be done to improve cost, quality, and outcomes through appropriate use of cost and quality data? At what cost?

- Utah Department of Health

Dr. Norman K Thurston, Office of Health Care Statistics

- Comagine Health (formerly *HealthInsight*)

Mr. Marc Bennett, Chief Executive Officer

➤ Public Employees' Health Program

Mr. Mark Brown, Business Operations Director

➤ Utah Health Insurance Association

Invited

➤ Utah Medical Association

Mr. Mark Brinton, Director of Governmental Affairs

➤ Utah Hospital Association

Mr. David Gessel, Executive Vice President

Potential Action

- Identify actions (and their related costs) that can be taken by providers, insurers, state agencies, the Legislature, and others do to improve the usefulness of cost and quality data.
- Determine whether disclosure policies proposed but not passed during the 2019 General Session of the Legislature merit further consideration.

10:15 3.

Sunset Reviews – Overview

This interim, the committee will conduct sunset reviews of Utah Code Section 26-10-11, Children's Hearing Aid Pilot Program; Subsection 26-18-417(3), Limited family Services for Low Income Individuals; and Section 53B-24-402, Rural Residency Training Program. The committee will receive an overview of each statute and the requirements for review.

Background

- Overview of Sunset Reviews (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; forthcoming)

Issues

- What are the purposes of a sunset review?

Presenters

- Mr. Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Potential Action

- Informational only.

10:20

4. Sunset Review – Rural Residency Training Program

Utah Code Section 53B-24-402, Rural Residency Training Program, is scheduled for repeal July 1, 2020, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee will conduct a sunset review of the statute.

Background

- [Utah Code Section 53B-24-402, Rural Residency Training Program](#)
- [Rural Rotation Program](#) (Source: Utah Medical Education Council)

Issues

- Should the statute be reauthorized?
- If reauthorized, should the statute be amended? Should it remain under the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act?

Presenters

- Mr. Clark Ruttinger, Director of Workforce Research, Utah Medical Education Council
- Public comment

Potential Action

- Make recommendations to the Legislature.



11:00 **5. Adjourn**

The official agenda for this meeting is available [here](#).